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Title: Provisioning and  
Snapshotting Using Copy  
on Read/Write and  
Transient Virtual Machine  
Technology

Examiner: Farrokh, Hashem  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
July 3, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of July 3, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.